

CONCERNING KANSAS.

NOTES.

The Law and Order league of Wichita has gone into the hands of a receiver. This sounds like a joke, but it is a fact.

The long-faced puritans of Topeka now want all places of business in the city closed on Sunday, except, of course, such as are necessary to their comfort.

Wichita wants the state fair. If Wichita expects the state to patronize that fraudulent concern known as the Southern Kansas Fair association she is mistaken.

The municipal campaigns are being opened. If the Populists can show as great gains as they did last year there will be no doubt as to the result of the fall election.

The gentlemen from Nebraska, who was in town this week looking for a location for a Pop manufactory, received but little encouragement from republicans.—Marion Times.

Pension Agent Glick says that the February payment of pensions at this agency will amount to \$4,000,000. From February 5 to February 16, inclusive, the number of vouchers paid was 96,322, representing in money the sum of \$3,254,686.05.

With Jim Legate, Cy Corning, Dog-face Smith, Crazy Chenault and Mrs. Lease all working in harmony with Joe Hudson to expose corruption, there is no use praying any longer for the millennium.

The Sedgwick county republicans held their primaries last week, and it is reported that a majority of the delegates are for George Douglass for congressman-at-large and for O. H. Bantley for Seventh district congressman.

The Kansas City Stock Yards company, whose place of business is on the Kansas side, although its leading stockholders live in Missouri, has notified the secretary of state that it will increase its capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

The Kansas society of the Sons of the American Revolution is sending out copies of the constitution, and circulars of information explaining the objects of that patriotic organization. They can be procured of F. G. Adams, secretary of the society.

John W. Davis, of Kiowa county, one of the most disreputable of the very disreputable Douglass house, is a prominent republican candidate for congress in the Seventh district. He is the fellow who was beaten into a jelly by a client whom he had defrauded.

Acting on the suggestion and advice of Judge Caldwell, who appointed them, the Santa Fe receivers have decided to pay their taxes in Kansas under protest, so that the question of equity may be tested in court hereafter. That's once Judge Caldwell acted sensibly.

Having saved the country by the introduction of his tariff bill and steering it through the house, Congressman Wilson took a special car and lit out for the Pacific coast, gliding through Kansas on his way. In justice to Mr. Wilson it might be said that he did not expect any ovation from Kansas, and he was not disappointed on that score.

The Anti-Monopoly lodge at Lucas passed resolutions requesting the governor to offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the persons who unlawfully hanged Green Burton, John Gay and William Gay in Russell county a few weeks ago. As the men who incited the hanging and the victims of the

mob were republicans, there is no politics in this resolution.

The annual catalogue of the State University, which will soon be issued, will show that there are 114 high schools and academies in Kansas that fit their graduates for entrance into the freshman class at Kansas University. There are 683 regularly enrolled students and over 500 more doing work in the university extension classes, making a total of over 1,200. Both these showings are considerably better than in any previous catalogue.

Petitions addressed to congress are being circulated in the state, urging favorable action on bills introduced by Senator White, of California, and Delegate Joseph, of New Mexico, providing for a survey looking toward the irrigation of arid lands in Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. The purpose of Senator White's bill is, "that the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated and expended under the direction of the secretary of the interior in the discovery and determination of methods for the development and distribution of the water supply for irrigation of the great plains and semi-arid region between the 97th degree of west longitude and the eastern foothills of the Rocky mountains. Joseph's bill is the same except that the appropriation provided for is \$500,000.

Kansas Fruit Prospects.

The following reports as to prospects of the fruit crop are given by the Fruit Farmer:

"Fred Willhouse, one of the largest apple growers in the United States, who has orchards in Leavenworth and Shawnee counties, says: 'The condition of apple trees is first-class, and the prospects for the coming season are good. Peaches have been seriously injured by heavy frosts.'

"Samuel Reynolds, of Douglas county, says: 'Peaches have been damaged by frosts, but I think not destroyed; think we shall have a full crop of apples; small fruits of all kinds apparently all right.'

"E. F. Walter, of Clay county, reports the prospects for apples, pears and plums to be excellent. Peaches, he says, are mostly killed. Small fruit plantations he reports as in only fair condition and the outlook for the strawberry crop not first-class.

"Frank Holsinger, of Rosedale, Wyandotte county, says: 'Apple trees are in good condition and promise a full crop; peaches are generally killed; Kiuffer pears promise well; plums are all right; strawberries have made poor growth and plants are scarce; raspberries have suffered from rust and scale, and plantations generally look poor. I predict not more than half a crop; blackberries in splendid condition and promise full crop; vineyards never in better condition.

"A. L. Enteminger, Silver Lake, Shawnee county, says that apple trees are healthy and vigorous and promise a big crop. Peaches have been killed by frost. Strawberry beds look bad on account of drought and can not yield more than half a crop. Raspberries and blackberries promise well. Vineyards, he says, are in the best condition he ever saw them, and the prospect for grapes is most flattering.

"F. W. Dixon, of Jackson county, reports peaches and apricots all killed; cherries and plums in good condition; apples never gave promise of a better crop; small plants look well, and a large crop in proportion to the acreage, which is small, is looked for.

"The reports from Nebraska, Iowa,

Missouri and Oklahoma are in the same general tenor and indicate a big apple crop, plenty of cherries and plums, few peaches, a fair crop of raspberries and blackberries, half a crop of strawberries, and an immense yield of grapes this season."

Dickinson County Farmers.

The city council of Abilene have very foolishly antagonized the interests of the country people of Dickinson county. In other words they have "put their foot in it," as the following resolution, adopted at a farmers' meeting last Saturday, indicates:

WHEREAS, As the city of Abilene has, through boodle methods, trickery, or bad management, incurred a bonded debt that is oppressive to the rich and poor alike, and its frantic effort to find ways and means of relief has, through its council, made a law compelling the farmers of Dickinson county to assume the payment of a part of the city's indebtedness, which farmers had no hand in creating, and for which they are in no way responsible, by exacting an occupation tax from every farmer who claims the right to sell the products of his farm in a way most satisfactory to himself and the buyer, we, the farmers of Dickinson county, demand the repeal of sections 21 and 23 of the occupation tax of the city ordinances of Abilene.

Resolved, That if the city refuses to rescind said sections that we pledge ourselves to trade in other places.

Frank Forrest's Dates.

Political meetings in the interest of the ADVOCATE and other reform papers will be held by Frank R. Forrest in the following named counties. Local committees will fix the places of holding the meetings, and should see that they are well advertised so that good audiences will be in attendance.

McPherson county—Canton, Thursday, February 22, at 2 p. m.; Conway, Friday, February 23, at 2 p. m.; McPherson, Saturday, February 24, at 2 p. m.; Galva, Saturday evening, February 24, at 7:30 p. m.

Chase county—February 26 to March 3. Lyon county—March 5 to 10. Greenwood county—March 12 to 17. Elk county—March 19 to 24. Wilson county—March 26 to 28. Allen county—March 29 to 31. Anderson county—April 2 to 7. Miami county—April 9 to 14.

The Woman's Progressive Political League.

The Topeka Woman's Progressive Political league discussed the land question at their last meeting. Mrs. Hargraves presented the single tax theory in a very interesting manner, making the point that land, like air and water, is one of the natural necessities which should be free to all, not monopolized by the few, while the many are homeless. The subject will be continued at next Wednesday's regular session.

The following resolution was passed by the league and ordered published:

WHEREAS, One of our most active and worthy members, Mrs. D. Q. Furbeck, has been called to part with a beloved son, he having passed over the river and entered into the heavenly rest.

Resolved, That the members of the Woman's Progressive Political league desire to express for our sister and family their profound sympathy and affection in this hour of affliction, believing that they will be given strength to endure from the Source of All Love.

On Track of Something Nice.

Write to G. T. Nicholson, G. P. A., Santa Fe Route, Topeka, Kas., for one or more free copies of a pretty folder describing the Texas coast country—where one fruit grower made \$6,000 last year off of thirteen acres of pear trees.

It may be the beginning of a future for you. Who knows?

A NAUTICAL STORY.

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some other foreign foe." I have never gathered courage to suggest that the Kearsarge would have earned her keep had she turned her guns on that British redcoat, Earnest Sayd, when he came over here to demonstize our silver. And I have never yet told of my secret belief that our gun boats might do good service by preventing the invasion of our soil by British capitalists who come over to invest in our securities, to buy up our lands, our coal, and lead, and tin mines, and to turn our forests into hunting parks. Such good service might justify our navy. But as it stands about the most conspicuous service shown is a faculty for getting into scrapes for which our government has to foot the bills. Just yesterday the claims commissioner rendered the decision that the United States must pay to Chili \$235,000 for seizing the Itata. Every once in a while our navy, while skipping over the billowy waves, gets into a fracas that necessitates an investigation and a commission and a big appropriation to pay the cost. It all seems like such trifling business for a big lot of money that I sometimes feel as if it would relieve the stupidity if the "foreign foe," which we have so long and lovingly prepared for, would put in an appearance just so our gun boats could find out what they were made for.

Just consider what beautiful economy this is! Not long since three new gun boats were built at enormous expense. They were accepted and paid for, and were soon found to be entirely unwieldy. They were put back in dock utterly useless until they could be cut in two in the middle and a span added to cure them of topheaviness. The repairs involved great expense, which of course was met by the government.

In this year of hard times and bankruptcy of the United States treasury it looks to me like business to retrench on our navy, as well as along other lines, and take the risk of that long looked-for foreign foe.

I might write another full chapter relating to the discriminations between the sailors who do the work and the officers who boss and lord it over them. There is nothing American about the whole system. It is handed down from monarchy and retains all its autocratic customs and spirit. A naval officer may be excused from service, retained on the pay roll and engage in other paying occupation for months at a time. A few days since a common workman at our navy yard here met with an accident which disabled him; he stopped work at 8 p. m., and was docked on his wages from the very hour of his misfortune. Pretty story of the sea, this, isn't it?

ANNIE L. DICKS.

About Poultry and Gardening.

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